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56 ILLEGAL ALIENS ARRESTED BY ICE AT CONSTRUCTION SITE *ICE executes a criminal search warrant against Reich Installation Services Inc.*

CARTHAGE, Mo. — U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents here arrested 56 illegal aliens this morning following the execution of a criminal search warrant against Reich Installation Services Inc. of Pewaukee, Wis.

The search warrant was executed at the Schreiber Foods construction site at 1206 W. Fairview, Carthage, Mo. Reich Installation Services is employed as a sub-contractor at this site. In addition to arresting the aliens working at the site, the criminal search warrant authorized seizure of business, financial and personnel records, as well as computers maintained by Reich Installation.

Of the 56 aliens administratively arrested today for illegally residing in the United States, 28 were Reich Installation employees. Eight others worked for Top Flight, another construction site contractor. The aliens all claim to be citizens of Mexico. ICE agents are still interviewing and processing the aliens for deportation.

“Reich Installation Services has been associated with at least two other U.S. sites where illegal aliens have been arrested within the last year,” said Elissa Brown, ICE special agent-in-charge of the Chicago office. “Employers must get the message that hiring illegal aliens is against the law. ICE will especially scrutinize those employers who are repeatedly identified in these operations.” Brown oversees the ICE Office of Investigations for a six-state area, including: Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky and Wisconsin.

It is against federal law to knowingly hire or continue to employ illegal aliens. Punishments range from \$200 per paperwork violation to \$10,000 per hiring violation, to include potential prison sentences.

Today’s operation is part of ICE’s comprehensive strategy for worksite enforcement aimed at promoting national security, protecting critical infrastructure, and ensuring fair labor standards.

Carthage Police Department and Jasper County Sheriff's Department assisted ICE with executing this criminal search warrant.

According to its website, Reich Installation Services Inc. nationally designs and installs custom warehouse distribution systems in factories and warehouses in excess of five million square feet.

This is an ongoing investigation.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.